useful. The poor child felt Hattie Church's death very much. You know they were great friends at one time.

Ed had a Berkeley here. How does it happen that you have nothing assigned you to do. Because there appointments were made before you went in?

As this letter cannot go down till tomorrow night I shall keep it open to give you later news.

Thursday.

Dear M.

Ed. is going down to Columbus, he may or may not go out to the W. but he says if he does not he will send letter out. We expect June and Lou up tomorrow. News from Nellie no letter. I do not think Uncle any better and I do not think the Dr. does. Mrs. J. talks sometimes as if she thought he was better. He has a very sore mouth which I think troubles him. Auntie thinks he was flighty in his talk today which is of course discouraging not that he talked much but he was ~~talking~~ trying to say something and they made out that he said carriage

house" and Ed asked him if he wanted it fixed, he nodded his head and then seemed to try to say something which Auntie could not understand. She poor child felt so badly that she cried and he looked at her and put his hand up to her. It is impossible to tell how much he understands.

Friday

Jane & Lue are here and I can not write much. Sabbath eve

You see I did not and Ed went without the letter, but it does not matter. I see your postal thanks. I hope we shall not need to use the address for it would be very hard to make a change. The way Uncle has been today it does not seem likely that he will need a nurse a great deal longer. Mrs. T. does not tell as she did and the Dr says the disease has made steady progress from the first. The change yesterday and today has been that he lies very low all the time in a deep heavy sleep and that when his feet are cold it is very hard to warm them, and that he will not attempt even to say yes to a question. He does not try to move himself at all. Ed has been down today to attend Hattie Church's funeral. He had a telegram last night asking him to act as one of the pall bearers. I have set aside a box of china sweetmeats for you. Don't you want me to send them with your initials on? We shall be glad to see you any time but think you better not come till the days are a little longer. Lue says she is not a bit sorry she wrote that letter. Jane seems rather to enjoy having the care of baby Lue. Dales for this year are already up to last year, and we shall no doubt sell some more. Mattie has a cold. The child makes herself very